

Estimated total annual burden costs:
\$177,870.69.

VI. Are There Changes in the Estimates from the Last Approval?

Few changes have occurred since the last approval. Most firms have filed the form in the past 6 years and are familiar with the annual requirement, and with the form itself. Most of the companies hold 10 or fewer products, and find that it takes only a few minutes to complete the form. The Agency believes that access and use of a toll free help line has paid great dividends in assisting respondents with questions. Therefore, the burden has remained relatively unchanged from the most recent renewal.

VII. What is the Next Step in the Process for this ICR?

EPA will consider the comments received and amend the ICR as appropriate. The final ICR package will then be submitted to OMB for review and approval pursuant to 5 CFR 1320.12. EPA will issue another **Federal Register** notice pursuant to 5 CFR 1320.5(a)(1)(iv) to announce the submission of the ICR to OMB and the opportunity to submit additional comments to OMB. If you have any questions about this ICR or the approval process, please contact the person listed under "FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT."

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Dated: February 18, 2000.
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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-00643; FRL-6493-9]

Submission of Unreasonable Adverse Effects Information Under FIFRA Section 6(a)(2); Renewal of Pesticide Information Collection Activities and Request for Comments

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the EPA is seeking public comment on the following Information Collection Request (ICR): "Submission of Unreasonable Adverse Effects Information Under FIFRA Section 6(a)(2)" (EPA ICR No. 1204.08, OMB No. 2070-0039). This ICR involves a collection activity that is currently approved and due to expire on September 30, 2000. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection activity and its expected burden and costs. Before submitting this ICR to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval under the PRA, EPA is soliciting comments on specific aspects of the collection.

DATES: Written comments, identified by the docket control number OPP-00643, must be received on or before May 8, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted by mail, electronically, or in person. Please follow the detailed instructions for each method as provided in Unit III. of the "SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION." To ensure proper receipt by EPA, it is imperative that you identify docket control number OPP-00643 in the subject line on the first page of your response.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: By mail: Cameo Smoot, Field and External Affairs Division, (7506C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, Ariel Rios Bldg., 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: (703) 305-5454; fax number: (703) 305-5884; e-mail address: smoot.cameo@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Does this Action Apply to Me?

You may be potentially affected by this action if you are a pesticide registrant. Under section 6(a)(2) of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) pesticide registrants are required to submit any factual information regarding adverse effects associated with their pesticidal products, and it is up to the Agency to determine whether or not that factual information constitutes an unreasonable adverse effect. Potentially affected categories and entities may include, but are not limited to:

Category	NAICS code	SIC codes	Examples of potentially affected entities
Pesticide and other agricultural chemical manufacturing	325320	286—Industrial organic chemicals 287—Agricultural chemicals	Pesticide registrants

This table is not intended to be exhaustive, but rather provides a guide for readers regarding entities likely to be affected by this action. Other types of entities not listed in this table could also be affected. The North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS) codes and the Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes are provided to assist you and others in determining whether or not this action might apply to certain entities. If you have questions regarding the applicability of this action to a particular entity, consult the person

listed under "FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT."

II. How Can I Get Additional Information, Including Copies of this Document and Other Related Documents?

A. Electronically

You may obtain electronic copies of this document, and certain other related documents that might be available electronically, from the EPA Internet Home Page at <http://www.epa.gov/>. On the Home Page select "Laws and Regulations" and then look up the entry for this document under the "Federal

Register--Environmental Documents." You can also go directly to the **Federal Register** listings at <http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/>.

B. Fax-on-Demand

Using a faxphone call (202) 401-0527 and select item 6080 for a copy of the ICR.

C. In Person

The Agency has established an official record for this action under docket control number OPP-00643. The official record consists of the documents specifically referenced in this action,

any public comments received during an applicable comment period, and other information related to this action, including any information claimed as Confidential Business Information (CBI). This official record includes the documents that are physically located in the docket, as well as the documents that are referenced in those documents. The public version of the official record does not include any information claimed as CBI. The public version of the official record, which includes printed, paper versions of any electronic comments submitted during an applicable comment period, is available for inspection in the Public Information and Records Integrity Branch (PIRIB), Rm. 119, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Arlington, VA, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The PIRIB telephone number is (703) 305-5805.

III. How Can I Respond to this Action?

A. How and to Whom Do I Submit the Comments?

You may submit comments through the mail, in person, or electronically. To ensure proper receipt by EPA, it is imperative that you identify docket control number OPP-00643 in the subject line on the first page of your response.

1. *By mail.* Submit your comments to: Public Information and Records Integrity Branch (PIRIB), Information Resources and Services Division (7502C), Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP), Environmental Protection Agency, Ariel Rios Bldg., 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460.

2. *In person or by courier.* Deliver your comments to: Public Information and Records Integrity Branch (PIRIB), Information Resources and Services Division (7502C), Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP), Environmental Protection Agency, Rm. 119, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Arlington, VA. The PIRIB is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The PIRIB telephone number is (703) 305-5805.

3. *Electronically.* You may submit your comments and/or data electronically by e-mail to: "opp-docket@epa.gov," or you can submit a computer disk as described in Units III.A.1. and 2. Do not submit any information electronically that you consider to be CBI. Avoid the use of special characters and any form of encryption. Electronic submissions will be accepted in WordPerfect 6.1/8.0 or ASCII file format. All comments in

electronic form must be identified by docket control number OPP-00643. Electronic comments may also be filed online at many Federal Depository Libraries.

B. How Should I Handle CBI that I Want to Submit to the Agency?

Do not submit any information electronically that you consider to be CBI. You may claim information that you submit to EPA in response to this document as CBI by marking any part or all of that information as CBI. Information so marked will not be disclosed except in accordance with procedures set forth in 40 CFR part 2. In addition to one complete version of the comment that includes any information claimed as CBI, a copy of the comment that does not contain the information claimed as CBI must be submitted for inclusion in the public version of the official record. Information not marked confidential will be included in the public version of the official record without prior notice. If you have any questions about CBI or the procedures for claiming CBI, please consult the person identified under "FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT."

C. What Should I Consider when I Prepare My Comments for EPA?

You may find the following suggestions helpful for preparing your comments:

1. Explain your views as clearly as possible.
2. Describe any assumptions that you used.
3. Provide copies of any technical information and/or data you used that support your views.
4. If you estimate potential burden or costs, explain how you arrived at the estimate that you provide.
5. Provide specific examples to illustrate your concerns.
6. Offer alternative ways to improve the collection activity.
7. Make sure to submit your comments by the deadline in this notice.
8. To ensure proper receipt by EPA, be sure to identify the docket control number assigned to this action in the subject line on the first page of your response. You may also provide the name, date, and **Federal Register** citation.

D. What Information is EPA Particularly Interested in?

Pursuant to section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA), EPA specifically solicits comments and information to enable it to:

1. Evaluate whether the proposed collections of information are necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information will have practical utility.

2. Evaluate the accuracy of the Agency's estimates of the burdens of the proposed collections of information.

3. Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.

4. Minimize the burden of the collections of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated or electronic collection technologies or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

IV. What Information Collection Activity or ICR Does this Action Apply to?

EPA is seeking comments on the following ICR:

Title: Submission of Unreasonable Adverse Effects Information Under FIFRA Section 6(a)(2).

ICR numbers: EPA ICR No. 1204.08, OMB No. 2070-0039.

ICR status: Currently approved and due to expire on September 30, 2000.

Abstract: This information collection renewal proposal covers the burden estimates related to section 6(a)(2) of FIFRA requirements for pesticide registrants to submit information to the Agency which may be relevant to the balancing of the risks and benefits of a pesticide product. In *CSMA and NACA v. EPA* 484 F. Supp. 513 (1980), the District Court of the District of Columbia agreed with EPA that FIFRA section 6(a)(2) covers all information relevant to EPA's determination of whether a pesticide may cause unreasonable adverse effects. The Court agreed that submissible information includes the same type of information as that provided by a registrant as part of an application for registration. The Court specifically rejected the argument that the responsibility for determining what constitutes an unreasonable adverse effect shifts to industry once EPA has granted a registration. In order to limit the amount of less meaningful information that might be submitted to the Agency, the EPA has limited the scope of factual information that the registrant must submit. On September 19, 1997 the Agency published final regulations in the **Federal Register** (62 FR 49370) (FRL-5739-1) that provided a detailed description of the reporting obligations of registrants under FIFRA section 6(a)(2). The regulations became effective on the deferred date of August

17, 1998 (63 FR 41192) (FRL-6016-2). There are no forms associated with this collection.

V. What are EPA's Burden and Cost Estimates for this ICR?

Under the PRA, "burden" means the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide information to or for a Federal Agency. For this collection it includes the time needed to review instructions; develop, acquire, install, and utilize technology and systems for the purposes of collecting, validating, and verifying information, processing and maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information; adjust the existing ways to comply with any previously applicable instructions and requirements; train personnel to be able to respond to a collection of information; search data sources; complete and review the collection of information; and transmit or otherwise disclose the information.

The ICR provides a detailed explanation of this estimate, which is only briefly summarized in this notice. The annual public burden is estimated at 166,266 burden hours. The following is a summary of the estimates taken from the ICR:

Respondents/affected entities: 1,890.

Estimated total number of potential respondents: 260.

Frequency of response: As necessary, when applicable information is available to respondent.

Estimated total annual burden hours: 166,266.

Estimated total annual burden costs: \$13,870,860.

VI. Are There Changes in the Estimates from the Last Approval?

In the previous ICR, OMB approved 120,762 burden hours for submission of information from pesticide registrants under FIFRA section 6(a)(2) with an estimated cost of \$11 million. This ICR renewal request reflects an increase of approximately 45,000 burden hours to an annual respondent burden of 166,266 hours at a cost of nearly \$14 million. The change in burden reflects a number of adjustments over the prior ICR. First, for the renewal ICR, there are fewer registrants of active products (1,890 versus 2,100) and fewer employees to be trained (18,900 versus 21,000) than reflected in the prior ICR. In addition, the prior ICR's efforts associated with learning the new regulatory program, establishing processes and systems to implement the new program, and training all employees on the new requirements are eliminated in the

renewal. Burden estimates related to the amount of studies the respondents might submit on an annual bases have been reduced from the previous projection of 600 studies to 350 studies. The ICR renewal request anticipates submission of many more incident reports than estimated in the prior ICR (46,000 versus 15,540). EPA proposes to seek approval for 166,266 annual burden hours for this renewal ICR.

VII. What is the Next Step in the Process for this ICR?

EPA will consider the comments received and amend the ICR as appropriate. The final ICR package will then be submitted to OMB for review and approval pursuant to 5 CFR 1320.12. EPA will issue another **Federal Register** notice pursuant to 5 CFR 1320.5(a)(1)(iv) to announce the submission of the ICR to OMB and the opportunity to submit additional comments to OMB. If you have any questions about this ICR or the approval process, please contact the person listed under "FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT."

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Dated: February 25, 2000.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request, National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP) for Off-Site Waste and Recovery Operations

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this document announces that the following Information Collection Request (ICR) has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval: Title: National Emission Standards For Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP) For Off-Site Waste And Recovery Operations OMB Control Number 2060-0313, expiration date May 31, 2000. The ICR describes the

nature of the information collection and its expected burden and cost; where appropriate, it includes the actual data collection instrument.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before April 7, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For a copy of the ICR contact Sandy Farmer at EPA by phone at (202) 260-2740, by E-Mail at Farmer.Sandy@epamail.epa.gov or download off the Internet at <http://www.epa.gov/icr> and refer to EPA ICR No. 1717.03. For technical questions about the ICR contact Walter De Rieux at (202) 564-7067.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: National Emission Standards For Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP) For Off-Site Waste And Recovery Operations, OMB Control Number 2060-0313, EPA ICR Number 1717.03, expiration date 5/31/2000. This is a request for extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: The National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP), were proposed on October 13, 1994 and promulgated on July 1, 1996. These standards provide for control of hazardous air pollutants (HAP) emissions from selected facilities involved in waste management and recovery operations that are not subject to federal air standards under other subparts in 40 CFR part 63 commencing construction, modification or reconstruction after the date of proposal if the facility is a "major source" of HAP emissions. Major source is defined in the general provisions to 40 CFR part 63 or the facility potential to emit is more than 10 tons per year for a single HAP or more than 25 tons per year for multiple HAP. In addition, subpart DD cross-references control requirements to be applied to specific types of affected sources: tanks-level 1, containers, surface impoundments, individual drain systems, oil-water separators and organic water separators, loading, transfer, and storage systems. This information is being collected to assure compliance with 40 CFR part 63, subpart DD. Organic HAP emissions are the pollutants regulated under this subpart.

Owners or operators of the affected facilities described must make one-time-only notifications. Owners or operators are also required to maintain records of the occurrence and duration of any startup, shutdown, or malfunction in the operation of an affected facility, or any period during which the monitoring system is inoperative. Semiannual reports of excess emissions (or reports certifying that no exceedances have